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SUBJ: US-BRAZIL SUB-GROUP ON AGRICULTURE: PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT

REF: A. STATE 165589, B. STATE 155101, C. BRASILIA 4962,
D. BRASILIA 4850, E. BRASILIA 4521

1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY NOTES THAT USDA DRAFT OF PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT DOES NOT COVER ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-GROUP ON AGRICULTURE, AS CLEARLY AGREED ON DURING PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT IN MARCH. FURTHERMORE, NO PROVISION MADE FOR POSSIBILITY OF OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES'S PARTICIPATION. FINALLY, WE FEEL BRIEFER, LESS FORMAL DOCUMENT WOULD MEET NEEDS AND PROBABLY BE PREFERRED BY GOB. IN VIEW OF RESERVATIONS, BUT PRIMARILY BECAUSE EMBASSY CONCERNED FONMIN MIGHT RESTRICT DELEGATION FROM DISCUSSING PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT JULY 5-6 IF ADVANCE COPIES PROVIDED, WE DO NOT PROPOSE PASS TO GOB UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED. EMBASSY COULD DISCUSS WITH FONMIN FOLLOWING WASHINGTON MEETING. END SUMMARY.

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2. EMBASSY APPRECIATES RECEIPT OF DRAFT PROPOSED TEXT AND WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT. WE NOTE THAT, WHILE AGREED ON BETWEEN GOB AND US DURING PRESIDENT CARTER VISIT, ANNOUNCED IN MARCH 30 COMMUNIQUE AND MENTIONED IN VIRTUALLY ALL PREVIOUS REFERENCES, THE DRAFT STATEMENT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY CALL FOR SETTING UP SUB-GROUP ON AGRICULTURE. RATHER, BASED ON AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE, TWO "WORKING GROUPS" WOULD BE ESTABLISHED: ONE ON AGRICULTURE

PRODUCT UTILIZATION AND ONE AT SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION.
IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS AGREEMENT ON A SUBJ-GROUP ON AGRICULTURE
BY BOTH US AND GOB, EMBASSY PUZZLED OVER REASONS FOR ELIMINATION.

3. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO SPECIFIC PROHIBITION MENTIONED IN THE
DRAFT TEXT TO PARTICIPATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FROM
EITHER SIDE, WE WISH TO SUGGEST THAT ARTICLE II BE MODIFIED
TO INCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION BY SUCH AGENCIES IN
ADDITION TO THE SCIENTIFIC ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS AND COMMUNITIES
ALREADY IDENTIFIED. THE INCLUSION OF THIS REFERENCE WOULD BE NO
WAY ALTER ARTICLE VI THAT IDENTIFIES THE COORDINATING OFFICES
FOR THE AGREEMENT IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND BRASILIA.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES LESS FORMAL DOCUMENT SHOULD SUFFICE AND
LIKELY PREFERABLE TO GOB. IN VIEW OF REF C INDICATING FONMIN
RESERVATIONS ABOUT SCOPE OF JULY 5-6 MEETINGS, WE FEEL IT
INADVISABLE TO PASS TEXT TO GOB AT THIS TIME. EMBASSY FEELS THAT
FONMIN MIGHT LIKELY RESTRICT DELEGATION FROM DISCUSSING DRAFT
TEXT AND LIMIT TO DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS ONLY. IN
ANY CASE, THE GOB, BOTH FONMIN AND AGMIN, HAVE INDICATED THAT
MATERIALS AND INFORMATION FROM JULY 5-6 MEETING WILL BE STUDIED
UPON RETURN TO BRAZIL LOOKING TOWARDS A LATER (SEPT/OCT) MEETING
TO FORMALLY ESTABLISH THE SUB-GROUP.

5. ANY DISCUSSION OF JOINT STATEMENT OR DRAFT PROTOCOL OF
COOPERATION SHOULD BE REPORTED TO EMBASSY IN DETAIL IN ORDER
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THAT EMBASSY WILL BE IN POSITION TO FOLLOW UP WITH BOTH MINISTRY
OF AGRICULTURE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY.

6. (FOOTNOTE: ALL REFERENCES SHOULD BE "FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF
BRAZIL", NOT FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL" IN JOINT STATEMENT.)
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